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Ordered that Merit Jordan be recommended to his excellency James P. Preston Esqr. Governor of Virginia as a fit and proper person to fill the commission of Ensign in the 29th Regiment eighth Brigade, and fourth division of militia in the room of James Atkinson, resigned that Jacob H, Duck be recommended as Captain in the room of William Darden, decd that William McClenney be recommended as Lieutenant in the room of the said Duck promoted and that Watson P. Jordan be recommended as Ensign in the room of James Mitchell who refused to qualify -

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Robert West produced a certificate of his qualifications as Lieutenant of Cavalry in the following words, to wit, —

Isle of Wight County Sct. —

I hereby certify that Lieutenant Robert West personally appeared before me James B. Southall one of the Justices of the peace for said County and duly qualified to his commission, and took the oath prescribed by an act of assembly passed twenty fourth day of December 1795 — Given under my hand & Seal this 9th day of May 1812 — J. B. Southall (Seal)

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The reverend Thomas Hume, a native of Scotland, having three years previous to the date hereof declared on oath in the County court of Princess Ann, his intention to become a citizen of the United States, (as appears by a certificate from the clerk of the said court). This day proved to the satisfaction of the court, that he has resided within the United States five years at least, and within this state one year at least, and during that time has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the constitution of the United States; and were disposed to the good order and happiness of the same, and having taken an oath in such cases required by the act of Congress, is admitted a Citizen of the said United States June 5 - 1812

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Edmond Pedin served in the War of 1812 at Norfolk. Hardesty's Pn. H. Depart. I of W. Co.

[67] The "Journal of the House of Delegates", 1832-3, p. 190, gives this date as February 18, 1833, but A (1832-3), p. 44, gives the date as February 8, 1833,—the former, of course, being the correct one.

[68] See note 39.

[69] See note 17.

[70] The Acts of Assembly, 1814-5, p. 85, give this date as November 24, 1815, and the Acts of the same session, p. 87,—in referring to this act,—says "passed the twenty fourth day of November eighteen hundred and fourteen" (the date written out in full), which latter date is confirmed by the "Journal of the House of Delegates" of that session, p. 88.

[71] The "Act for dividing the County of Isle of Wight into two distinct Counties and for other purposes therein mentioned" does not appear in Hening (1748,—vols 5 and 6) either by title or in full text; but reference to Part VI, chapter x, below, will show the full text of this Act, a copy of which was recently secured by the Library from the Public Record Office in London, for use in this connection. It will be noted that Southampton County,—although authorized by an Act passed in 1748,—came into actual existence in 1749,—the former date being the general and more popular interpretation of the earliest actual existence of this county.

[72] Upon a suggestion of Mr. William G. Stanard, Secretary of the Virginia Historical Society, and through the generous co-operation of the Hon. George W. Herring, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Stafford County, we are enabled to quote in full the record of the proceedings of the first court of that county, which are to be found in "Stafford Co. Va. Court Book", p. 1, under date of 1664, and thus prove that Stafford was in actual existence at least two years prior to the generally accepted date of 1666:

> "At a Court held for the County of Stafford, the 27, May, 1664,
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> Present: Lt. Colo. Robert Williams, Capt. John Alexander, Mr. Richard Heabeard, Mr. Richard Perfitt, Mr. Richard Fassaker, Justices;
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> Colo. John Dodman was sworne Sheriff, for this County, for this year as Mr. Secretary Ludwell, signified by his letter to the Court, that it was the Governors pleasure, the said Colonel Dodman having entered into Bond to perform the said Office.
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> Attorney Bridges was this day sworne Clerk of this County Court by grant of the Honorable Secretary of Virginia.
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> John Samwaies was this day sworne under Sheriff of this County.
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> The Court doth order that Capt. John Alexander shall forthwith cresse six men and horse & goe to the Manfattero Indians to see if he can Discover what Indians they were that had Lately committed that Murther above Potomeck.
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> Let noe will be proved (if any made) nor administcon granted of the Estate of Jacob Porter Deceased unless John Whitston Principal Creditor of the said Deceased be first called—
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> 14th, June 1664 this Coveat was entered:"

[73] We are indebted to Doctor Lyon G. Tyler, of Williamsburg, Va., for the following data concerning the early history of Surry County:

> "Lands in Surry are shown by the Land Grants to have been in James City County previous to December 6, 1651. Its first justices were appointed in April, as shown by the county records. (See "William and Mary Quarterly", viii, 165). So it was certainly formed at the assembly which met at this time, April, 1652."

[74] See note 50.

[75] The "Journal of the House of Delegates", 1799-1800, p. 32, gives this date as December 20, 1799, while S. ii, p. 217, gives the date as December 19, 1799,—the former, of course, being the correct one.

second year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. And in the year of our Lord 1748. Numr 35.

An Act for dividing the County of Goochland Passed ye 10th of May 1749. Recd with Colo Lee's Letter dated ye 6th Novbr 1749.

Recd March ye 19th 1749/50.

Sent to Mr Lamb May ye 21st 1750.

Recd back Febry ye 8th 1750/1.

No Objection
Great Seal of Virginia
taken off pr. S. G.

Exd 35.

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## CHAP. X.

An Act for dividing the County of Isle of Wight into two distinct Counties and for other purposes therein mentioned.*

[Passed April 30, 1749.]

WHEREAS divers Inconveniencies attend the outer Inhabitants of Isle of Wight County by reason of their great Distance from the Court-house and other places appointed for public Meetings Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor Council and Burgesses of this present General Assembly And it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same That from and immediately after the twentieth day of May next the said County of Isle of Wight be divided into two distinct Counties by the River Black Water and that part of the said County which lies to the east of the said River be erected into one distinct County and retain the Name of Isle of Wight and all that other part thereof to the West of the said River be one other distinct County and called by the Name of the County of Southampton And for the due Administration of Justice Be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that after the said Twentieth day of May a Court for the said County of Southampton be constantly held by the Justices thereof on the second Thursday in every Month in such Manner as by the Laws of this Colony is provided and shall be by their Commissions directed PROVIDED always that nothing herein shall be construed to restrain the Sherif of the said County of Isle of Wight as it now stands intire and undivided to make Distress for any Levies Fees or other Dues which shall be due from the Inhabitants of the said County after the said twentieth day of May next in such Manner and not otherwise as by Law he might have done if this Act had never been made any Law Custom or Usage to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding AND whereas there is now in the Hands of Ethelred Taylor of the said County of Isle of Wight Gentleman about one Hundred and Twelve Pounds Current Money also a Quantity of Tobacco which has been levied by the Court of the said County to defray the Contingent Charges thereof AND whereas by reason of the great Number of Bridges in the said County of Southampton which are now maintained at the Charge of the said County of Isle of Wight the Levies of the Inhabitants of the said County of Southampton by the Division aforesaid will be greatly increased and the Inhabitants of the said County of Isle of Wight as it now stands intire and undivided have mutually agreed that the said Money and Tobacco shall remain to the seperate use of the of the County of Southampton aforesaid Be it therefore further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the said Money and Tobacco from and after the aforesaid twentieth day of May, shall be vested in the Justices of the Court of the said County of Southampton and their Successors to and for the use of the said County to be by the said Justices and their Successors applied towards maintaining the aforesaid Bridges and defraying the other contingent Charges of the said County PROVIDED nevertheless that nothing herein contained shall be construed deemed or taken to discharge the Inhabitants of the said County of Southampton from contributing towards building a Bridge over the said River Blackwater at a place called Proctors Ferry but that the same shall be erected built and maintained at the Expence of the said Counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton respectively in proportion to the Number of Tithable Persons in each of the said Counties AND Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that from and after the aforesaid twentieth day of May the Court for the County of Isle of Wight shall be constantly held on the first Thursday in every Month any Law Custom or Usage to the Contrary in anywise nothwithstanding.

April 18. 1749 Read the third Time & passed the House of Burgesses.

Peter Randolph C. H. B.
William Gooch
John Robinson Speaker

April 20. 1749 Read the third Time & agreed to by the Council.

N. Walthoe C. G. A.
Copy William Randolph C. H. B.

[Endorsed:]

Virginia. At a General Assembly begun and held at the College in Williamsburg on Thursday the Twenty seventh day of October in the Twenty second year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. And in the year of our Lord 1748. Num$^{r}$ 15.

An Act for dividing the County of Isle of Wight into two distinct Counties and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Passed y$^{e}$ 11th of May 1749.
Rec$^{d}$ with Col$^{o}$ Lee's Letter dated y$^{e}$ 6$^{th}$ Nov$^{r}$ 1749.
Rec$^{d}$ March y$^{e}$ 19$^{th}$ 1749/50.
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